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- Amtrak resumed service May 18 along the Northeast Corridor from Washington to Boston in compliance with Federal safety orders following last week's fatal derailment that killed 8 people and injured more than 200. – *Associated Press* (See item [5](#))
- The FBI reported that a cybersecurity researcher admitted to overwriting code on an airliner's Thrust Management Computer to issue a "climb" command that resulted in the aircraft's changing direction by using a Cat6 ethernet cable to breach the network through the in-flight entertainment (IFE) system. – *Softpedia* (See item [6](#))
- One Marine was killed and 21 other military personnel were injured when a MV-22 Osprey aircraft crashed during a hard-landing at Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo, Hawaii, during a training exercise May 17. – *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* (See item [16](#))
- A shootout involving 5 rival motorcycle gangs began in the bathroom of the Twin Peaks restaurant, in Texas, and ended in the parking lot May 17 resulting in 9 deaths and at least 18 injuries. – *Dallas Morning News*; *Associated Press* (See item [18](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *May 17, KSTU 13 Salt Lake City* – (Utah) **Driver flown to hospital, thousands of gallons of crude oil spilled after semitrailer crash.** The driver of a semi-truck hauling about 12,012 gallons of crude oil crashed and rolled on Wells Draw Road in Duchesne County May 16, spilling a majority of the oil into a dry riverbed. The driver was transported to an area hospital with back and head injuries.
Source: http://fox13now.com/2015/05/17/_driver-flown-to-hospital-thousands-of-gallons-of-crude-oil-spilled-after-semitrailer-crash/
2. *May 15, Lexington Herald-Leader* – (National) **Fourth man is found guilty in Kentucky oil investment scheme.** The U.S. Attorney's Office in Kentucky announced May 15 that a Federal jury found a fourth man guilty for his role in a \$3 million oil investment scheme that defrauded over 200 investors nationwide. The defendant worked out of Los Angeles selling fraudulent investments in oil wells in Monroe, Barren, and Cumberland counties in Kentucky.
Source: http://www.kentucky.com/2015/05/15/3854075_forth-man-is-found-guilty-in.html

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Chemical Industry Sector

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

3. *May 15, Berkeley Patch* – (New Jersey) **Oyster Creek back online after latest unplanned shutdown.** Exelon officials reported May 15 that the Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station in Lacey Township was back to full power following an automatic shutdown that occurred May 7 due to a problem with the electrical monitoring system in the non-nuclear side of the plant. The monitoring system was modified, inspected, and tested before the plant resumed operation.
Source: <http://patch.com/new-jersey/berkeley-nj/oyster-creek-back-online-after-latest-unplanned-shutdown>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

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Financial Services Sector

4. ***May 15, Reuters*** – (International) **Finter Bank Zurich to pay \$5.4 million in deal with U.S. over tax offenses.** Finter Bank Zurich reached a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice May 15 in which the bank agreed to pay \$5.4 million to avoid U.S. prosecution for helping U.S. clients open, conceal, and maintain bank accounts, undeclared assets, and income from U.S. tax authorities from 2008 – 2011. The bank provided detailed information on designated accounts, agreed to close accounts that do not meet U.S. obligations, and agreed to implement new controls to stop future misconduct.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/05/15/banks-iss-finter-idUSL1N0Y61BV20150515>

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Transportation Systems Sector

5. ***May 18, Associated Press*** – (Pennsylvania) **Amtrak service restored between Philadelphia and New York after deadly crash.** Amtrak resumed service May 18 along the Northeast Corridor from Washington to Boston in compliance with Federal safety orders following last week's fatal derailment that killed 8 people and injured more than 200. Federal Railroad Administration officials reported that the automatic train control system along the northbound tracks was fully operational.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/05/18/amtrak-service-between-philadelphia-and-new-york-restored-after-deadly-crash/>
6. ***May 18, Softpedia*** – (National) **Researchers hacked airplane controls mid-flight, FBI affidavit reveals.** The FBI reported that a cybersecurity researcher admitted to overwriting code on an airliner's Thrust Management Computer to issue a "climb" command that resulted in the aircraft's changing direction by using a Cat6 ethernet cable to breach the network through the in-flight entertainment (IFE) system. The researcher had experimented with exploits about 15 – 20 times after discovering vulnerabilities in the IFE systems on Boing and Airbus aircraft.
Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/Researcher-Hacked-Airplane-Controls-Mid-Flight-FBI-Affidavit-Reveals-481488.shtml>
7. ***May 17, KCTV 5 Kansas City*** – (Missouri; Kansas) **Violent weather leaves damages, power outages and flooding.** Heavy storms throughout the Kansas City area led to widespread flooding May 17, prompting authorities to close the Fishing River Bridge over Highway 69 in Clay County, as well as the voluntary evacuation of 190 people in Mosby. The storm also caused the derailment or tipping of 134 freight train cars and up

to 8,000 power outages.

Source: <http://www.kctv5.com/story/29084816/violent-weather-leaves-some-damage-power-outages-and-flooding>

8. ***May 17, Los Angeles Times*** – (California) **Plane makes emergency landing at LAX.** An airport official reported that a Delta Air Lines flight bound for Atlanta returned to Los Angeles shortly after take-off to make an emergency landing May 17 due to an apparent “electrical smell in the cabin”. No injuries were reported.
Source: <http://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-ln-plane-makes-emergency-landing-at-lax-20150517-story.html>
9. ***May 17, Fox News; Associated Press*** – (Texas) **4 killed in crash of small plane in Texas.** The Federal Aviation Administration reported that a single-engine Piper PA-24 aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff from Kestrel Air Park in Texas and killed 4 people May 16. No injuries or damages were reported on the ground.
Source: <http://www.foxnews.com/us/2015/05/17/4-killed-in-crash-small-plane-in-texas/>
10. ***May 15, KYW 3 Philadelphia*** – (Pennsylvania) **Worker passes out from ‘syrup-like’ smell at NJ postal facility.** One mail distribution center employee passed out and 11 others reported feeling nauseous after they detected a “syrup-like” odor at a U.S. Postal Service facility in Hamilton Township May 15. A township HAZMAT team swept the building and found nothing, and the incident remains under investigation.
Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2015/05/15/hazmat-scene-at-post-office-in-new-jersey/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

11. ***May 16, Hawaii News Now*** – (Hawaii) **Chemical spill kills hundreds of fish in Aiea.** Hawaii State Department of Health workers counted over 500 dead fish May 12 in a drainage ditch along the Pearl Harbor bike path in , after traces of a

Source: <http://www.hawaiinewsnow.com/story/29080418/chemical-spill-kills-hundreds-of-fish-in-aiea>

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

12. ***May 17, Springfield News-Sun*** – (Ohio) **Urbana to spend \$500L to repair water tower.** The Urbana City Council approved a \$500,000 repair and maintenance contract with Atlanta’s Utility Service Company to repair the city’s 500,000 gallon East Lawn Tower. Officials reported that the tower’s outage will not impact the city’s water system.

Source: <http://www.springfieldnewssun.com/news/news/local/urbana-to-spend-500k-to-repair-water-tower/nmHW6/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

13. *May 15, WTAE 4 Pittsburgh* – (Pennsylvania) **UPMC: Some patients' personal information may have been compromised in data theft.** University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) officials announced May 15 that the personal information, including Social Security numbers, of approximately 2,200 patients treated at various UPMC emergency departments may have been compromised after records were illegally disclosed by an employee of the third-party billing company, Medical Management LLC. The medical center was notified after the company discovered that a former call center employee copied information from a billing system over the course of 2 years.

Source: <http://www.wtae.com/news/upmc-alerts-patients-about-data-theft/33042164>

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Government Facilities Sector

14. *May 18, WVNS 59 Lewisburg* – (West Virginia) **Power restored in Welch, WV.** Service was restored May 18 to thousands of McDowell County customers after a power outage caused the dismissal of Welch Elementary, Fall River Elementary, Mount View Middle, and Mount View High schools.
Source: <http://www.wvnstv.com/story/29090111/power-outage-closes-schools-in-welch-wv>
15. *May 17, Naples Daily News* – (Florida) **Fire still rage in Big Cypress National Park, visibility not a problem Sunday.** Crews reached 5 percent containment May 17 of the Mud Lake Complex Fire which burned over 12,000 acres in Big Cypress National Park in Florida. No property damages were reported.
Source: http://www.naplesnews.com/news/environment/fires-still-rage-in-big-cypress-national-park-visibility-not-a-problem-sunday_43483187

16. *May 17, Honolulu Star-Advertiser* – (Hawaii) **1 marine dead, several injured in Osprey hard-landing at Bellows.** One Marine was killed and 21 other military personnel were injured when a MV-22 Osprey aircraft crashed during a hard-landing at Bellows Air Force Station in Waimanalo, Hawaii, during a training exercise May 17. Authorities are investigating the cause of the crash.
Source:
http://www.staradvertiser.com/news/breaking/20150517_Downed_military_aircraft_reported_in_Bellows_Air_Force_Station_area.html?id=304055751

17. *May 15, Softpedia* – (Pennsylvania) **China-based hackers launch attack on Penn State College of Engineering.** The president of Pennsylvania State University announced May 15 that intruders gained access to the computer network at the Pennsylvania State College of Engineering in November 2012, compromising the personally identifiable information, including Social Security numbers, of approximately 18,000 individuals and about 500 public and private research partners. Officials isolated and took the network offline while the investigation continues. Source: <http://news.softpedia.com/news/China-Based-Hackers-Launch-Attack-on-Penn-State-College-of-Engineering-481348.shtml>

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

18. *May 18, Dallas Morning News; Associated Press* – (Texas) **9 bikers killed in rival gang shootout outside Waco restaurant.** A shootout involving 5 rival motorcycle gangs began in the bathroom of the Twin Peaks restaurant at the Central Texas Marketplace, and ended in the parking lot of the restaurant May 17 resulting in 9 deaths and at least 18 injuries. Waco police reported to the scene and returned fire after gang members began shooting at officers, while the shopping center was shut down indefinitely.

Source: <http://www.dallasnews.com/latest/20150517-9-bikers-killed-in-rival-gang->

[shootout-outside-waco-restaurant.ece](#)

19. *May 17, Associated Press* – (National) **2 men convicted in scheme that defrauded Home Depot stores out of more than \$250,000.** Officials reported May 17 that 2 New York men were convicted May 15 of

Source:<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/07f1a8238d5f4973b0edcd2014f92055/NJ--Home-Depot-Fraud-Scheme>

20. *May 17, Associated Press* – (Louisiana) **Fire in main electrical panel forces evacuation of 134-room hotel in downtown New Orleans.** The Wyndham La Belle Maison Hotel in New Orleans remained closed May 17, nearly 24 hours after a fire that began in an electrical panel May 16 forced the evacuation and temporary displacement of more than 124 guests.

Source:<http://www.greenfieldreporter.com/view/story/e0c88da24a0e4f5a928a9f521acd41ea/LA--New-Orleans-Hotel-Fire>

21. *May 17, KXAN 36 Austin* – (Texas) **AFD blames lightning for apartment fire, forcing evacuations.** Dozens of residents at the Zilkr on the Park apartment complex in Austin were evacuated after lightning struck the hotel and caused a roof fire May 17. No injuries were reported and officials estimated damages to total \$700,000.

Source: <http://kxan.com/2015/05/17/apartment-residents-still-displaced-after-2-alarm-fire/>

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